

**Bradley Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting October 15, 2025  
Drassler Conference Room**

President Bayer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Trustees Present:** Nick Allen, Karen Bayer, Lucson Edme, Paula Goodwin, Jessica Trudeau

**Trustees Absent:** Jody Andriano, Brandon Hawkins

**Also Present:** Jodie DePatis, Director, Marie Cowden, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Trustee Edme made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2025 Regular Board meeting.

Trustee Trudeau seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF VENDOR PAYMENTS:**

Trustee Bayer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and to accept vendor payments in the amount of \$31,878.21 for the month of September 2025. Trustee Edme seconded and motion carried by roll call of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

(Statistical Reports Attached)

Director DePatis stated the following:

- **Building:** White boards have been installed in the study rooms, conference room, and Drassler room.
- **Programs:** Fall programming is in progress. The Frog and Toad display created by Information Services Coordinator Christina Loraine for the Perry Farm scarecrow competition has been very popular and had an innovative twist this year with part of the display residing at the Library to encourage people to visit the Library as well as Perry Farm. Youth Services Associate Dee Vent and Director DePatis attended the BESD61 Community Stakeholder event on September 30. Vent and Youth Services Associate Britini Broughton represented the Library with a table at the Bradley East Open House on October 9. The Library received a donation of 200 prom dresses from The Community Closet in Lansing, Illinois.
- **Legal:** The FY2026-27 Levy Ordinance was also filed at the County Clerk's Office. The FY2024-25 audit is in progress with the accountants visit completed on September 29.
- **Computers:** The new app for PrairieCat is now available. The old app will be closing down October 25, 2025. The closing of Baker & Taylor will affect the ebook/eaudio service of eRead Illinois since it uses the Boundless platform from Baker & Taylor. The platform is currently still functional although no new titles can be added. RAILS is reviewing options to move the content to a different platform.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Friends of the Library:** Trustee Bayer stated the October book sale was a success. Prices increased slightly to \$2.00 for hard covered books and \$1.00 for paperbacks. She stated the following financial figures:

\$1,594.58 (Balance carried forward)  
+ \$2,117.65 (Book sale profit)  
\$3,712.23  
+ \$ 30.00  
\$3,742.23

She stated the Friends would be contributing money as follows for upcoming programs:

- \$ 200.00 Spring Animal Program
- \$ 100.00 Winter Program (Polar Express activities & interactive Elf movie)
- \$ 200.00 Refreshments and cookies for Santa visit and Strings in the Stacks
- \$3,242.23 (Ending Balance)

Trustee Bayer also stated that an application was submitted to Meijer for a \$100.00 gift card that would be used to help with the purchase of refreshments and cookies.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Director Evaluation:** Trustee Bayer distributed an evaluation to Trustees to review the Director. She asked they be completed and put in her library mailbox on or before November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **FY 2024-25 Audit:** Director DePatis stated the 2024-25 audit was not available for distribution and review yet.

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 6:25 p.m. Trustee Edme made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Allen seconded and motion carried by unanimous vote.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jessica Trudeau  
Secretary

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Marie Cowden  
Recording Secretary